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Via ECFS
Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to
47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1**

Dear FCC,

For me democracy levels the playing field and oligarchy kidnaps the playing field and then owns it.
Please say NO to the price hikes sought by the big boys.

Please level the playing field for smaller local, responsive, human-scale providers of internet, phone
and fusion service.

I struggled with impersonal service, flawed technical service, with AT&T for several decades. Eight
years ago I gave up on AT&T, moving to a small local fusion service provider (Sonic.net in Santa
Rosa, CA). Please, I need them to stay alive.

Their rates, their technical excellence and responsiveness, completely transformed my experience
online and via landline phone service.

I need them, gentlepersons. They affect every day of my life, so much of which is lived online,
especially for a low-income senior with limited mobility.

Thank you for caring.

Respectfully,

R. Thompson